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# CONTROLS

## A Defender Hour Broadcast . . . By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

TWO PHILOSOPHIES of government, opposite in character, are before us. One is the traditional American concept based upon human liberty and free enterprise. The other is the Socialistic concept based upon regimentation and a planned economy.

The word "controls" has become a sacred cow to those who would shackle the American people and make them servants of a centralized, bureaucratic government.

Persons who advocate controls always want their group to do the controlling. They are omniscient in their own eyes. And they wish to be omnipotent.

Soviet Russia is the world's leading example of a controlled economy. Sixteen men, cloistered in the Kremlin, control everything in that unfortunate country. For thirty years they have kept a ceiling over the Russian people . . .

Let any Russian try to get above that ceiling. Let him try to exercise personal initiative with the thought of getting ahead. Let him try to set a price on his own labor.

Let him try to fix a price on some commodity that he produces with his hands. Let him try to conduct his business in his own way.

Let a Russian try to strike for higher wages. Let him try to worship God according to the dictates of conscience. Let him try to exercise free speech or free press . . . And he will instantly bump his head against the ceiling. He will feel the pressure of the state.

There are groups, thirsting for power in the United States, who hope to shackle American citizens with controls patterned after those of Soviet Russia. They want controls. The American people want free enterprise. They want controls. The American people want a competitive system whereby the man who works hard, lives economically and exercises personal initiative can enjoy the fruit of his labor and accumulate personal possessions.

There are no personal possessions in Soviet Russia. The Kremlin controls everything.

It is a matter of grave concern to Bible-believing Christians that economic and political controls always lead to religious controls. Even Stalin has had to establish his own church in Soviet Russia. He operates it like any other bureau of the government.

Every human being is stamped with a worshipful nature. The religious instinct insists on coming to the surface among the Russian people no matter that their churches are closed. So the Kremlin has found it necessary to set up a bureau—a system of religious control. They call it, "The State Council on Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church."

### BABYLON

History shows that controls are not new. In the third chapter of the book of Daniel, we read how King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon created controls to regulate the personal lives of his subjects.

### GOD GIVE US MEN

God give us men! A time like this demands  
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faith, and ready hands.  
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not kill;  
Men whom the spoil of office does  
not buy;  
Men who possess opinions and a  
will;  
Men who have honor, and who will  
not lie;  
Men who can stand before a dema-  
ogue,  
And scorn his treacherous flat-  
teries without winking.  
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live  
above the fog  
In public duty and in private think-  
ing.

— J. G. Holland

His symbol, or blue eagle, was a huge image made of gold 90 feet high, erected on an elevation. It stood on the plain of Dura. Its purpose was to unify the economic and religious elements of the empire.

Persons who refused to bow down were given the death sentence. The system so weakened the nation that when the Medes and Persians invaded the kingdom, it fell like a castle of cards.

Solomon said: "There is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything whereof it may be said, See, this is new? It hath been already of old time, which was before us."

Controls were first put into practice over four thousand years ago by Hammurabi in ancient Babylonia. The system has been often repeated with the passing of the centuries. Price controls have contributed to the destruction of every nation that has ever tried to enforce them.

Planned economy is the oldest type of economy known to human government. It operates on the principle that everything remains permanently the same. This throws the financial mechanism out of gear with the laws of change and progress.

No provision is made for new inventions, improvements or emergencies. A price ceiling implies that society stands still. On the contrary, life is dynamic, not static. Regimentation can be made to work only by holding people still, ruling out private enterprise and personal initiative. The experiment was first attempted more than four thousand years ago.

The Amraphel, king of Shinar, mentioned in Genesis, is the Hammurabi of profane history. He was the real founder of the Babylonian empire. His reign began in 2287 B. C. By engaging in wars on the outside, he was able to keep his subjects united on the inside.

He had an OPA and a WPA. He used a public works program for building canals. By means of an AAA he con-

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## World Church The Bride Of Antichrist

By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

CHRISTENDOM'S last great apostate religious system is symbolized in the book of Revelation as a lewd woman, seated on the back of a scarlet coloured beast.

"I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour . . ." Revelation 17:3-4.

If we have reached the end-time of the present age, as generally believed by students of Bible prophecy, nothing will be able to arrest the growth of apostasy in Protestantism. It cannot be denied that the World Church, now in process of formation, is already manifesting certain traits attributed to the depraved woman of the Apocalypse.

The present *One World* trend is not taking Bible-believing Christians unawares. They knew about it from studying the prophetical Scriptures long before United World Federalists, Inc., or Union Now groups began their agitation.

United World Federalists, Inc., is

headed by a young man named Cord Meyer, who travels almost constantly, organizing local chapters and addressing all types of audiences. He has the support of Albert Einstein and secular magazines like *Time* and *Life*. William L. Clayton, former Under Secretary of State, and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, are members of his board.

Union Now is headed by Clarence Streit, who advocates bringing all nations into a federation "modeled broadly on our own Constitution."

Thousands of books have been written discussing different phases of Bible prophecy, anticipating a one world structure of human government, during the closing period of this age. The system will be pre-

sided over by one man, portrayed in Scripture as the Antichrist.

As the saints collectively, the "called out ones," comprise the Bride of Christ . . . so also, the apostate religious organization depicted as a lewd woman garbed in red, will be the Bride of the Anti-christ.

"One Church for One World," has become a slogan of tragic implications. The present tendency on the part of Protestant denominations to unite has a prophetic significance.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, former president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and foremost among the left-wing leaders calling for a World Church, declares:

"If ten denominations in the United States whose membership approximates twenty million were to make the affirmative decision, and their representatives were to meet to discover the means to give effect to the decision, it would soon be seen that a Church that seeks to serve a world struggling toward unity, must re-

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veal the unity to which it summons the world."

President Truman recently endorsed the One Church idea, in a message to the International Labor Organization at San Francisco. He said there was need of an "international religious organization similar to the I. L. O. in the field of labor."

### ECUMENICAL MOVEMENTS OF HISTORY

Jesus prayed: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are."

It is nothing short of blasphemy for those who are promoting the World Church project, to suggest that their scheming and conniving will bring about the answer to our Lord's prayer, regarding unity among believers. There is a difference between union and unity.

The leaders of this new ecumenical movement are for most part unbelievers. They do not subscribe to the tenets of historical and evangelical Christianity. They refer to themselves as liberals. Obviously there can be no unity between them, and followers of Christ who are true to the Faith. Union is possible, but not unity!

Dr. Bob Shuler says: "You cannot join together those who believe and those who do not believe. Unitarianism in the major denominations cannot be blended with the fundamental faith of millions of Christians. Unity of believers is possible. Unity of twice born men is already here. But the present hour is one of separation rather than of unity."

Bishop Oxnam and his colleagues are building a Church on humanistic lines, broad enough to accommodate Gentile and Jew alike—without regard to Christian doctrine and the supernatural content of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He says: "The new Church would not

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be called the Methodist Church, nor the Baptist Church, nor the Presbyterian Church. Would we call it the Holy Catholic Church, or Christ's Holy Church?"

But there have been ecumenical movements of a different type during the course of Church history. The present can be more readily understood if contrasted with others that have gone before.

A sincere effort was made to bring the Reformed and Lutheran Churches together during the Reformation period. This was regarded as necessary because of strong pressure being exerted against them from the outside. The Marburg Conference, attended by both Luther and Zwingli, was held in 1529.

Both men were sincere. They seemed to understand the historical importance of the meeting. Agreements were reached on fourteen points of doctrine. But when they came to the subject of the Lord's Supper, the assemblage was thrown into confusion. The two reformers finally parted in tears. The chasm was so deep that when Zwingli extended his hand in farewell, Luther refused to accept it, saying as he did so: "You have another spirit."

Not until the nineteenth century did the various Christian factions begin to show signs of getting together. The Y.M.C.A. was organized in 1844 and the Y.W.C.A. in 1866. Other early trends toward cooperation were reflected in the Student Volunteer Movement, United Society of Christian Endeavor, American Bible Society, International Sunday School Association, International Missionary Council, and the Institutional Church League.

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organization, in 1895, Rev. E. B. Sanford asked for "Christian unity as a sovereign interest," toward which all denominations should direct their efforts. By 1900, Churchmen seeking union, found it possible to call a meeting at which an actual federation of denominational leaders was formed.

Mr. Sanford was the guiding spirit of the venture. This supplied the background from which the Federal Council of Churches emerged in 1905.

Another body of even greater strength, known as the Evangelical Alliance, also merged to help bring the new organization into existence. It had been formed in 1846, in the city of London, at a Conference attended by representatives from various nations, including the United States. A later gathering was sponsored in New York during 1873. The following statement of faith was adopted:

1. The Divine inspiration, authority and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures;
2. The right and duty of private judgment in the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures;
3. The unity of the Godhead and the Trinity of persons therein;
4. The utter depravity of human nature in consequence of the fall;
5. The incarnation of the Son of God, His work of atonement for the sins of mankind and His mediatorial intercession and reign;
6. The justification of the sinner by faith alone;
7. The work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion and sanctification of the sinner;
8. The immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, the Judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked;
9. The divine institution of the Christian ministry and the obligation and perpetuity of the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

### FEDERAL COUNCIL LEADS THE APOSTASY

Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, a leader of both the Federal Council and the World Council, explains in one of his books that this statement of faith proved unpopular. It had to be diluted, or rather, obliterated.

The nearest approach to a doctrinal statement ever adopted by the Federal Council is a resolution couched in the following general terms: "Whereas: in the providence of God, the time has come when it seems fitting, more fully to manifest the essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America in Jesus Christ as their divine Lord and Savior, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and cooperation among them."

This resolution was adopted in 1905 at the organizing of the Council. Three years after, in 1908, the completion of this super-ecclesiastical body was wit-

nessed. The real business of the organization has always been transacted behind the scenes by self-propagating leadership.

The Federal Council claims to speak for the Protestant denominations of the United States, but the congregations are never given an opportunity to vote on its policies. Approximately 400 carefully chosen delegates, called members, meet every four years. They are entertained by a well planned program and never fail to do as told.

The Executive Committee meets once a year. A small group of left-wing radicals at the top, handle things in the interim. *These are the men who are organizing the World Council.* The seriousness of the situation which they are creating cannot be overestimated.

Leaders of the organization have for years conducted a brazen attack upon the doctrines of the Church. They seem to take delight in tearing down what Christians have been taught to believe since apostolic times. Their views parallel those of the noted infidels of the past. A few quotations will illustrate this point.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, radio preacher for the organization: "I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old-fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the Atonement; and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does. I am a liberal in theology, and have been so ever since I was a young man." (The Defender has a photostatic copy of this letter on file.)

Bishop Francis J. McConnell, past president of the Federal Council: "Some ardent teachers would almost make Christ the first person (of the Trinity) as did a celebrated Methodist theologian who once spoke of Jesus as God Almighty. Some students can hardly restrain their resentment of the tendency to deify Jesus, since the tendency seems to rob Him of His supreme value as a human ideal. Is not this tendency to deify Jesus more heathen than Christian? Are we not more truly Christian when we cut loose from a heathen propensity and take Jesus simply for the character that He was and the ideal that He is?" (From Bishop McConnell's book, "The Christ-like God.")

Bishop Oxnam: "Hugh Walpole, in Wintersmoon, tells of a father and son at church. The aged rector read from the Old Testament, and the boy learned of the terrible God who sent plagues upon the people and created fiery serpents to assault them. That night, when the father passed the boy's bedroom, the boy called him, put his arms around his father's neck, and, drawing him close, said, 'Father,

you hate Jehovah. So do I. I loathe him, dirty bully!' We have long rejected a conception of reconciliation associated historically with an ideal of a Deity that is loathsome. God, for us, cannot be thought of as an angry, awful, avenging Being who because of Adam's sin must have his Shylockian pound of flesh. No wonder the honest boy in justifiable repugnance could say, 'Dirty bully.' (From Bishop Oxnam's book, "Preaching in a Revolutionary Age.")

#### WORLD COUNCIL IS RED

The beast on which the lewd woman of the Apocalypse rides is red. And she is garbed in purple and scarlet.

Protestants have often been embarrassed because of Federal Council pronouncements and propaganda being geared to the line laid down by the Communist Party. Its so-called "social gospel" is Socialistic, Collectivistic and Communistic.

While serving as president of the organization, Bishop Oxnam attacked American free enterprise and the profit motive, with these polished words: "The common faith must come to live in the practices that make for brotherhood; the co-operative spirit must supplant competitive struggle; the objective of social endeavor must shift from profit making to personality making."

Bishop Oxnam has held positions in the following Communist and Communist-front organizations . . . American League Against War and Fascism, American Civil Liberties Union, Friends of Democracy, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Committee To Aid Spanish Democracy and the National Religion and Labor Foundation.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, another leader of the group, has said: "A combination of individualism and collectivism will give us what we need."

The Federal Council conducts a publishing enterprise called "Information Service." A release designated Study No. 4, bears the title, "Non-Profit Incentives in our Economic Life." The *Boston Herald* of December 29, 1946 published the following editorial regarding this piece of literature:

"If this were an isolated case, it would be deserving of little attention. But it sounds a note which comes with increasing frequency from some Protestant sources. Can it be that Protestantism, wedded to democracy and Capitalism through one of the greatest eras in history, is now seeking new affiliations? Could it be gambling that Capitalism is a lost cause and that Socialism or some

other ism is in the ascendancy?"

Dr. Henry S. Leiper, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, is a member of the "New York State Committee for Equality in Education"—a group that protests the use of the New Testament in public schools, because the members claim it is an "anti-Semitic book."

Dr. Leiper's associates on this Com-



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The following press release was recently sent out from Federal Council headquarters in New York City:

"The Federal Council of Churches declared here that a 'formula of tolerance' could prevent war with Russia, without compromise of basic convictions.

"The statement, submitted by the 'Commission on a Just and Durable Peace' and adopted by the Council's Executive Committee, called for a 'new way of international accommodation which will reckon with fundamental differences in outlook and practices. We are convinced that a dynamic and fruitful peace can prevail in a world society where conflicts of faith are unavoidable.'

"Within the Soviet Union there are many people who share Christian beliefs. Moreover, Communism as an economic program for social reconstruction has points of contact with the social message of Christianity as in its avowed concern for the underprivileged and its insistence on racial equality."

### JUDAISTIC MOTIVATION

Federal Council and World Council leadership is fundamentally Judaistic. Its attitude toward the Christian Faith is Talmudic. Modernism and Judaism subscribe to identical views regarding the person and deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Both attribute bastardy to His birth. Both cast reflections upon the character of His mother. Both deny His deity, miracles, blood atonement, resurrection, ascension and position at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Both deny that He will come again to replace the governments of men with the government of God. Both regard Him merely as a great Teacher. Both systems are *anti-Christ*.

The Talmud, which originated in Babylon, was responsible for the Jews rejecting Christ. It caused them to demand His assassination. He denounced Talmudic teachings and called them "tradition."

His words on this subject are recorded in Matthew 15:6-9, "Ye have made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

On page 40 of his book, "Termites," Dr. Harvey H. Springer publishes a photographic reproduction of a statement of strategy, circulated by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The seventh point reads as follows:

"Close cooperation with and sponsorship of, the Committee on Good Will between Jews and Christians, of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America."

About seventy-five per cent of the Council's income is donated from outside the Churches. Its principal contributors are Jews and Jewish organizations. This fact is noted in its own biennial reports. The Federal Council could sever all connections with the Protestant bodies it professes to represent and continue functioning just the same, for the accomplishment of its major purposes.

Spokesmen for the organization follow the Communist propaganda line, by condemning those who wish to see the Church of Jesus Christ purged of Judaizing influences. Addressing the Quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Church at Boston, in April of this year, Bishop Oxnam dwelt at length on the necessity of "eradicating anti-Semitism and religious intolerance."

Being cognizant of the steadily rising tide against Russia, the Bishop appeared to somewhat reverse himself in one part of the foregoing speech. But even his mild criticisms of Communism, were negated by the fact that he attributed its presence in the United States to weak-

nesses allegedly existing in our form of government. This is, of course, the Henry Wallace approach. Russia is bad . . . but America is worse!

A leopard does not quickly change its spots.

As Dr. Leiper boarded the Queen Elizabeth for Amsterdam, he released an attack against the Southern Baptist Convention for refusing to participate in the World Council. He charged that Southern Baptists refused "to follow the general attitude of the Council regarding races and nationalities."

The following article appeared in the press while World Council sessions were in progress at Amsterdam:

"The Assembly of the World Council of Churches today discussed the problems of Palestine and racial discrimination in the United States. A feeling developed in one quarter that anti-Semitism had received 'new life' in Britain as a result of political tensions in the Holy Land. In still another quarter, it was reported that the Middle East suspects the motives of the great powers as regards the Palestine problem."

It is no exaggeration to say that the persons really responsible for the World Council project, are much more concerned with the interests of Jewry than Christianity.

### THE ROMAN CATHOLIC POSITION

The Roman Catholic Church appears to be operating at cross purposes with regard to World Church proposals.

Vatican officials rejected an invitation to have delegates present at the meeting in Amsterdam last month. However, it did send an observer. Collaboration between Bishop Oxnam and Catholic churchmen is unthinkable under existing conditions.

The Bishop has earned for himself the reputation of being the "leading anti-Catholic spokesman in American public life." Many believe that the opposition built up in his mind against the Roman Church results from political rather than theological differences. This could well be the case because Catholic opposition to Communism has always been well nigh universal.

Sponsors of the World Church program have been careful to keep its "non-Roman" complexion projected before the public. Speaking in St. Louis during the past summer, Dr. Leiper explained that, "One hundred and forty Churches, all non Roman types, will be represented at Amsterdam." The Council also pub-

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lished a pamphlet emphasizing the same thought.

As if to underscore the animosity that exists between the two groups, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, of the Catholic Church, recently denounced Bishop Oxnam and Dr. Guy Shipley as "leaders of a new bigotry."

Dr. Shipley, a World Church enthusiast, edits a radical, unofficial Episcopal publication called *The Churchman*. When Mrs. Natalie Paine resigned from his editorial staff a few weeks ago, she gave as her reason that the magazine used its position "to launch repeated attacks on the Roman Catholic Church on the one hand, while on the other to serve as a somewhat personal medium for extreme Left-wing support."

The *Catholic Register*, published at Denver, began a front-page article in its edition of April 25, 1948, with this paragraph:

"The Radio Corporation of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, headed by the anti-Catholic Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, has been denied an application for a Frequency Modulation (FM) channel in the New York-New Jersey area."

The official attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward the World Council, is summed up in an editorial, in *Our Sunday Visitor*, which concludes with these words:

"The merger of a number of Protestant denominations, or of all of them, into one, would not constitute that 'unity of faith' of which St. Paul speaks (Eph. IV, 13). The many would not constitute a single 'body,' of which Christ is the Head, because the membership, no matter how tied together by an identical profession of faith, would still be committed to the theory of private judgment if they remained Protestant, and this would prevent all from being 'one' according to the mind of Christ."

"Surely the people who accept the divinity of Christ and those who deny it, or are skeptical of it; the people who believe in original sin, the necessity of Baptism, the inspiration of the Scriptures, the existence of devils and of a hell, and those who deny one or all of these doctrines held by the Universal Church from the beginning, cannot be said to belong to the same Church, even though their respective denominations be merged with many others. Didn't their own denomination divide and subdivide because of differences?"

"Those, therefore, who speak of merging a number of religious bodies should

speak of it as 'union' for cooperative activities, and not 'unity' of faith."

"St. Paul told us clearly what unity in religion means when he wrote: 'There is one God, one faith, one Baptism' (Eph. IV, 5)."

When the Vatican decided to send an observer to Amsterdam, the announcement was made in language that World Churchmen considered a taunt. The Papal letter invited Catholics to pray that "those who have torn away from this unity, though still labeling themselves with the name of Christ, will come to realize where the center of unity has been set by the divine Master and will feel by themselves the arch desire to be recomposed in the ranks under the sole pastor."

The World Church and the Catholic Church may later find a basis for coming together. But such a change is not in sight at this writing.

#### "COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE"

A Gallup poll was taken of individual Protestant Christians in July of this year . . . on which this question was asked:

"Do you think it would, or would not be a good thing, for all Protestant Churches in the United States to combine into one Church?"

The tally was reported as follows:

Favor idea .....	42%
Do not favor.....	47
No opinion .....	11

Individual praying Christians—sincere, spiritually-minded followers of the Christ, will avoid giving support to this apostate system, because the admonition of Revelation 18:4 surely applies:

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

Christians who possess capacity for spiritual discernment are not being misled by the World Church hoax. Their hearts tell them, it is wrong. They know that the finished product will be a man-made invention devoid of spiritual power

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5. Imagine that others intended to slight you.
6. Do not rejoice in the success of your rival.
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8. Do not practice self-denial.
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# How Shall We Escape?

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"THEREFORE we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. . . . How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." (Hebrews 2:1,3)

There are terrible warnings in God's Word to the reprobates and neglectors of the grace of God and this is one. It is a serious one and I wish I could shout it into the ears of the multitude — in the marts of men, in the palaces of pleasure where youth is having its sensuous swing, where men are grasping for gold, and women for pride and pleasure. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

God presents these warnings periodically in His Word and sets many signposts along the road of life in order that we should know the seriousness of the course that we are taking. You see, our God is a loving God; His mercy endureth forever; He is longsuffering and patient, "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

There is an end to His patience, however; He says, "My Spirit will not always strive with men." One thing you may definitely know and that is that while God may be bypassed for a little while, He will never be completely ignored; some day you will have to meet Him and His demands upon your life. You may meet Him now in mercy and in grace, or you may meet Him later in judgment!

Every individual, therefore, must face his responsibility toward God either here or hereafter.

Why? Because a holy God has done a wonderful thing for a lost and dying race. He has ordained and wrought out for lost men what our text calls the "great salvation," and it will be our purpose to study it now.

### WHAT IS THIS GREAT SALVATION?

It is the universe's mightiest drama, its most glorious transaction, that sinful men should not only be forgiven their sins by a holy God but should be delivered from the power of sin and one day from the presence of sin and translated into the image of God's dear sinless Son to live to the praise and glory of God throughout all eternity, "world without end, Amen."

This salvation is great because it was conceived in the eternal councils of God. The plan of redemption is something that man could never have thought of, that God should bear our sins, that a holy God should become the substitute for the sinner, that One Who "knew no sin would be made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"; that we might be justified by One who was condemned, and blessed by One who was made a curse.

### THE TRINITY AT WORK

Way back there in eternity past, there was a council of the Godhead, and the Trinity said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion."

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Of course, they knew that man would sin and fall from his first estate; therefore, it was ordained that the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son of God, was to become the Saviour — the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. You will remember how Peter, preaching to the Jews on the day of Pentecost, said that Christ's death was according to "the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God," even though these men had taken Him with wicked hands and had slain Him.

When therefore you step out of darkness into the marvelous light of Christ and accept Him, thereby becoming a child of God, you are entering into the greatest transaction that the universe has ever seen. This transaction was conceived before the stars were hung in space, before the morning stars sang together, or the mountains were brought forth, or the seas began to rumble out of the depths — before anything was created God planned salvation for a lost human race.

The plan was to be executed by Christ the Son, He to be the instrument of redemption. In the fulness of time Christ came to earth, demonstrated the righteousness of God, bore man's sin in His own body on the tree, and after His resurrection ascended back to heaven to be man's perfect representative at the right hand of God — our High Priest and Intercessor.

No longer do men need to bring sacrifices and through them faintly discern the types and shadows of God's way of salvation! No longer do men need to look on priests with their robes and mitres, their garments fringed with bells and pomegranates, their smoking censers, their brazen altars, their tables of shewbread, their golden lampstands, their basins of blood sprinkled on the mercy seat; for Christ, God's own High Priest, has come.

Oh, how serious, how wicked, how dangerous to neglect so great a salvation as this which God wrought through His only begotten Son!

The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, administers this great salvation and all its blessings and benefits. So you see all the Godhead is at work to redeem a human soul. The Holy Spirit today administers the things of Christ unto us; He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.

### NOW NOTE THE PERIL OF NEGLECT

Neglect is a word of power, a terrible word — challenging, solemn.

When I was Pastor in the Middle West I remember how some of the farmers became almost bankrupt because they neglected their machinery. They would leave their equipment out in the snow and in the rain and let it stand in the elements all winter; then in the spring it would be rusted beyond use. The machinery was very expensive and they could not replace it. You would hear other more prosperous farmers talk of the neglect of these men.

Not so long ago I was driving down from Westchester on the highway when suddenly a front wheel came off my automobile. It was a terrible shock, but fortunately the wheel caught under the rather heavy fender, stayed there and did not let me down. I was driving rather slowly at the time and nothing serious resulted. I had to praise God for His unusual protection; but when I got back to the garage where they had changed the tire for me and had put the wheel back on without tightening the bolt sufficiently, I upbraided them for neglect. I said: "But for the grace of God we all might have been killed." The owner humbly apologized for his mechanic's neglect.

Neglect your teeth and you will have

a toothache; neglect your health and you will be on a sickbed. Neglect can lead to death.

So many neglect their souls!

Most men intend some day to be Christians but they simply neglect it. Dr. R. A. Torrey once told the story of how a Christian worker in one of his great campaigns, felt impressed to ask the waiter who served him in a restaurant about his soul's salvation. Deeply stirred but timid, he neglected to follow the leading of the Spirit. He ate his meal, paid his bill and went away; but the deep impression on his heart would not leave. He returned a little later to the restaurant and asked to see the waiter who had served him. The proprietor said: "I'm sorry, but you are too late. After he served your meal he went into the back room and shot himself."

### WARN AND PLEAD!

Doubtless there are many who might be kept from suicide, might be kept from some horrible crime — if only we did not neglect our plain duty to warn them and plead with them while there is opportunity.

Mr. Moody told of a man in Chicago who twice determined to give his heart to God but never had the courage to acknowledge Christ before ungodly companions. When recovering from a long sickness, he still refused to come out boldly on the side of Christ, saying: "Not yet; I have got a fresh lease on life. I can't be a Christian in Chicago. I am going to take a farm in Michigan, and then I will profess Christ."

Moody asked him: "How dare you take the risk?" He said: "I'll risk it; don't you trouble yourself about my soul. I've made up my mind."

The next week he was stricken with the same disease. His wife sent for Mr. Moody and said: "He doesn't want to see you, but I cannot bear that he should die in such an awful state of mind. He says, 'My damnation is sealed, and I shall be in hell in a week'."

Moody tried to talk and pray with him, but it was useless. His heart was as hard as stone. "Pray for my wife and children, but don't waste your time praying for me."

A well known Evangelist has said: "Your greatest danger is not in drunkenness, not in lying and stealing. Your greatest danger is in the sin of neglect. God can save the drunkard and murderer if they do not neglect, but immediately repent and turn to Christ for mercy. God can save the vile, the filthy, those almost beyond the human hope of redemption. Heaven itself will be graced by Mary Magdalene out of whom Jesus cast seven devils, by the dying thief who repented on the cross, by David the adulterer and by Noah and Lot, the drunkards. Men who had part in the crucifixion of Christ will be in Heaven, saved by the blood. Men who burned martyrs at the stake will be there. Paul will be there, though he had once upon his hands the blood of dying Stephen.

"For every other kind of sin in the world there is hope but for this sin of neglect, for those who say 'Tomorrow' when the Holy Ghost said 'Today.' However bad your past, however guilty your conscience, today if you will repent and turn to Christ you will have forgiveness and salvation; but if you neglect — then you

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are lost, for, as the Spanish proverb says, 'The road of by-and-by leads to the house of never.' The road to hell itself is paved with good intentions."

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### HOW THEN SHALL WE ESCAPE?

There are a number of questions in the Bible that have no answer. Among them is this one: "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Of course there is no profit, for the individual soul is worth more than all the world. The question: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" has no answer because there is no escape.

There is no escape from a wasted life. It is very sad to live your life without God, when you might have had the great Companion at your side and accomplished all the things that He desired you to accomplish, so that you would not only have joy in this life but a reward in Heaven.

There is no escape from the results of sin. You can be saved at the eleventh hour, but that will not save you from the results of a life of sin. Remember that nature will heal a cut, but it will not remove the scar. I have met scores if not hundreds of people who were saved, but could never get away from the awful haunting misery of their past life of sin.

This story has been told of a young woman, a college girl, with whom an Evangelist pleaded, and she replied: "Oh, I want to be a Christian, but there is plenty of time."

"How much time do you have?" asked the Evangelist.

"What do you mean?" she replied.

"What do you mean yourself?" was the query. "You say you have plenty of time. Do you have twenty years in which your heart will still be tender? Do you have twenty years' time in which you will still be easily moved with the Gospel? Do you have twenty years' time in which you know you will still be going to Church, you will still be eager to hear the Gospel, your friends will be godly people, and you can still easily be saved? Do you know that? Are you sure that twenty years from now your heart will not have become hardened? Are you sure that you will even be alive twenty years from now?"

The girl was startled. She said: "Oh, no! I didn't mean that."

## SOMETHING TO PONDER

*The following remarks by Representative Bryson of South Carolina are reprinted from the Congressional record:*

Mr. Speaker, the other day we read where an 18-month child had been picked up by police officers and found to be intoxicated. A few days later, according to the press, three old gentlemen, all past 70, died as a result of a drunken spree.

According to reliable reports every second person arrested in the United States for drunkenness is a woman.

These instances are natural results of the disgraceful conditions revealed in a recent report by the Department of Commerce. According to that report, last year we spent \$9,600,000,000 for intoxicating drink. Assuming the population to be 144,000,000, this sum represents an outlay of \$66.66 for liquor for every person living within the United States, or \$103.22 for each of the 93,000,000 persons over 21 years of age.

This staggering amount of beverages, including taxes, was \$140,000,000 more than in the previous year of 1946 and was an increase of \$6,010,000,000 over the year 1939. These figures should be shocking to the conscience of every American, regardless of his or her personal attitude toward liquor.

"Then do you mean fifteen years?" asked the Evangelist. "You said you had plenty of time. Are you sure that you have fifteen years?"

"Why, of course I do not know that I will live even that long," she replied.

"Do you have ten years?" She said she could not be sure of that.

"Then do you know that you have five years' time in which you can feel sure, knowing that you can be saved as easily then as now?"

The girl's lips trembled and she began to weep. "No," she said, "I do not even know that I will get home to-day."

"Then," said the Evangelist tenderly, "don't ever say that you have plenty of time. God may give you twenty years, but He may not. You have this second, this breath, this heartbeat. That is all you have for sure. God is merciful and kind, but I warn you that you cannot be sure of any time to be saved but now. Today is the day of salvation."

Ah yes, now is the accepted time! How shall we escape if we neglect?

Someone has reminded us that there

are smiling little villages all around the base of Vesuvius, the volcanic mountain in Italy, where people rejoice and sing. They tend their little vineyards and seem never to remember that the white wreaths of smoke from the cone at the top may any day darken and the lava flood come down the sides and bury them, as it did other civilizations on the same spot.

Let me put to you a plain question: If you knew that tomorrow you were to stand before the judgment, what would you do tonight? You know what you would do. Then do it.

"Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart," but "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

### NO GOD IN ISRAEL

IT HAS BEEN observed that the Declaration of Independence, which brought into being the nation of Israel a few months ago, does not contain the word "God." So completely secular, is the Zionist organization that God has to be left out of the document by which they assert their place among the nations.

Israel is no longer a contender with God. He has become a people without a God. This ancient people has again become a nation, but it is a nation now without God. They have returned to their land, but in unbelief.

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# Russia's War Against The Church

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*"Thousands of such unfortunate Christians have ended their lives in Siberian forests and mines."*

THE SOVIET UNION is waging a war of extermination against the Church which threatens to engulf Europe and the world.

Persecution of Christians by the Soviets commenced when the Communists became entrenched in Russia during the year 1918. Immediately after the overthrow of the Tsarist regime, however, they pretended to favor the small and struggling groups of free Church Christians. The new rulers believed that the influence of these small bodies would help undermine the still powerful Russian Orthodox State Church. By this means they hoped to precipitate a religious war.

For many years the State Church had opposed evangelical Christians. The Reds expected that the free Church groups would quickly accept an opportunity to get even!

But they soon discovered that the real Christians of Russia did not hate their enemies and sought no revenge. Instead, they used the "breathing spell" in which liberty was being enjoyed, to exert every influence to lead priests and people into a saving knowledge of Christ.

A clearer demonstration of the New Testament pattern of the Church has not been noted in recorded history.

Restrictions against the exercise of religion soon became more drastic. At first only Sunday Schools and young people's meetings were forbidden. Church properties were later nationalized. All offerings had to be turned over to the government. Support of the ministry was forbidden. Most meeting houses were closed on the pretense that they were needed for other purposes.

## SEVERE REGULATIONS

A decree was issued which forbade teaching religious beliefs to children — "persons under age," at home or in educational establishments. Violation of this order was punishable by "compulsory labor not exceeding one year." Actually such punishment meant banishment into slave camps and frequently immediate execution.

Another Soviet ukas forbade collecting money on behalf of ecclesiastical or religious groups. The penalty was "compulsory labor for a period not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding five

hundred roubles." Actual punishment, however, was far more severe. As soon as a violator was arrested, the length and degree of the sentence were forgotten. If need be, new charges were filed.

Thousands of such unfortunate Christians have ended their lives in Siberian forests or mines. Others have perished working on Five Year Plan projects—which to this day utilize multitudes of such slaves. Scanty rations granted the prisoners, as well as the lack of medical attention and adverse climatic conditions especially in the Arctic regions, account for still other thousands of believers who have perished.

It is reported that in each group of Christians banished into exile, there are a few reprobates who deny the Faith in exchange for immunity. Some of these traitors go over to the enemy, take special courses of training and become agents for the secret police. Such people, understanding the ways of Christ's followers, become useful instruments in helping make life miserable for those who remain true.

## PATRIOTS SMEARED

The vast majority of persecuted Christians prefer prison, slavery and even martyrdom, to a life of compromise and denial of Christ. These facts have been brought to light by many eye-witnesses, including this writer, who exposed Soviet persecution in two books published during 1933 and 1936 respectively.

Both of these exposures were the result of personal investigations made on tours of Soviet Russia—at which time he was able to get in and out of the Country without being recognized. His knowledge of the Russian language made it possible



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for him to avoid interpreters and tourist guides, who are in reality, members of the secret police.

It is painful to recall that disclosures resulting from these exertions, did not meet with ready acceptance on the part of many Americans. Even some sincere Christians in the United States, lacking capacity to discern between the true and false, preferred to accept Communist propaganda rather than fact.

Those who toiled in years past to save America from the red scourge, have been too often rewarded with only abuse. All who have dared to tell the truth about Russia and Communism had to pay that price!

Unfortunately some of this smearing originated with persons who wore the livery of Christian leadership. They subscribed to the belief that red doctrines were compatible with liberal Churchism. Such leaders, and many of them still occupy commanding pulpits, expound a Christianity that is virtually atheistic. They profess to get along nicely without the fundamentals of the Christian Faith.

Nothing is more sickening than to see a man standing behind a pulpit desk, apologizing for the sins of Soviet Russia.

### WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

In 1946, I undertook another tour of European countries. While the purpose was primarily to organize Christian relief, I nevertheless had opportunity to interview Christian brethren who had recently escaped from the Soviet orbit. They confirmed what was already known, namely, that war against the Church in Russia is still in full sway.

At different periods in the past, this cruel persecution has eased temporarily when the Soviets sought to obtain favors from the English-speaking peoples. But their objective has never changed. The leaders of the Communist movement are anti-Christ, and they mean to exterminate Christianity throughout the world.

No matter how unimpeachable the testimony, one usually observes that those who are deceived by false propaganda and infected with Communist ideologies, refuse to be convinced. It can only be concluded that they themselves have become possessed by this anti-Christ spirit, so that their eyes are blinded to the truth.

We can see how that left-wing liberals, out of touch with Christian influences, could become preys of Marxist propaganda disseminated through colleges and labor movements. But it is difficult to understand why professed Christians, heirs of the American heritage and leaders of Protestant bodies, should allow themselves to be thus influenced. Present disclosures at Washington, suggest how completely these people have been betrayed. Such apostates can best be described as "wolves in sheep's clothing."

### A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

It would be folly to suppose that this war against the Church is confined to Soviet Russia. Persecution of Christians has extended into all of Moscow's satellite countries. Publicity on this point has been withheld, fearing reprisals that might endanger the lives of those concerned. Such precaution is no longer a matter of prudence. The time has come to shed all possible light on this situation. Vermin and rodents thrive in darkness.

Here is a concrete example which reveals the *modus operandi* of the terroristic secret police in Czechoslovakia:

During the summer of 1946, I visited Prague, speaking before Protestant groups which had survived many hardships. In one of my meetings, I chanced to meet a former young evangelist, who during the recent war, had been a Soviet merchant marine officer. His ship was captured by German submarines and he became a prisoner of war. In reprisal for the execution of German officers by the Russians, he was sentenced to death. His liberation was effected through the aid of a German of like precious faith.

Until the close of World War II, he lived with underground forces operating in Ukrainian forests behind the German army. There he met a bright young woman who became his wife. She was an enthusiastic Czech Communist. A son was born to them before the defeat of Germany.

After the war the couple went to Prague, where they were living at the time of my arrival. Although otherwise suited to each other, this fine couple remained divided because the wife was not a Christian. She would not even allow their little boy to say his prayers or sing the Christian children's songs his father had taught him.

The situation changed when the husband prevailed upon her to attend a service where an American was to be the speaker. She heard me proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ and was joyously converted. With tears of repentance she confessed Christ as personal Sa-

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bior. It was my happy privilege to baptize her. I ordained him as a Minister of the Gospel in the Defenders' organization.

From that time on, the little family worked with zeal and enthusiasm among both native Bohemians and Russian refugees in Prague. The Communist police soon learned of their activities. The young evangelist was arrested and kept in prison for several months.

He finally gained freedom at the Russian border, after producing a document written by me in English. The dumb officers could not understand the letter,

but concluded that he must be an American. His release resulted from a combination of circumstances that began with this blunder on their part. He was to have been taken across the line into Soviet territory.

This preacher whose name was Vasil Racheck, returned to his family for a short time. He continued his missionary efforts with marked success. A second arrest followed and this time he was deported to Soviet Russia. His fate can only be surmised.

After a few months the wife also was arrested and likewise taken to Russia.

The iron curtain has closed behind them. Further efforts to communicate with this godly family have been futile.

It is doubtful if this grave-like silence will be broken before the Lord Jesus appears in glory and majesty, to give the martyr's crown to those who have yielded their lives "by the word of their testimony."

"And they loved not their lives unto the death." Revelation 12:11.

# Strong Congress Needed

By Samuel B. Pettengill

*"When the Executive branch of any government controls the thinking of the people, a Congress becomes superfluous."*

THE STRONGEST and best men available, from our respective communities over the Country, must be sent to Congress this year.

One reason we need that kind is the fact that a super-Congress is growing up in Washington, that is dwarfing the Congress established by the Constitution.

I refer to law making, by propaganda, through the Executive departments. Propaganda that uses money paid by taxpayers. Propaganda by men who are not elected by anybody, who often work in the dark — in short, a new *invisible government*.

With huge funds at their command, they mold public opinion so effectively that they often determine the result in advance of a vote by your representatives in the Congress.

This subverts the principles of a representative government. It is illegal, and as I shall point out, in many cases violates criminal statutes.

Yet it goes unpunished, and will continue to go unpunished, until we get a Congress that will deny this super-legislature the use of public funds, and until we get a Department of Justice that will put these culprits in jail.

When the Executive branch of any government, by the use of public funds, controls the thinking of the people, a Congress, or Parliament, becomes superfluous — even though it may be kept, as a political "Charlie McCarthy," to give a pretense of legality to what is in fact a perversion of representative government.

Government by propaganda has been an indispensable factor in the development of the idea of an all-wise, indispensable man. Call him Duce, Fuehrer, Leader, or by any other name!

For 25 years, the world has witnessed

the sinister growth of this idea. It is found in the thought police of Japan, in the total censorship of Russia, in the huge propaganda machines of Mussolini and Hitler, controlling the press, radio, public platform, motion pictures, the theater, and to some extent even music, art, science, and the pulpit.

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All these are part of the machinery of free government. But this is the practice that we must indict: The use of public funds, outside of the legitimate channels I have described, to mold the thinking of the public in order to build fires under Congressmen and Senators, to destroy their independent judgment, and force them to do the will of lobbyists in the Executive branch of the Federal Government.

### VIOLATES THE CONSTITUTION

This propaganda is an evil thing for several reasons:

It violates the Constitution, which vests all legislative powers in the Congress of the United States.

It is immoral. It uses taxes paid by those who oppose a public measure in order to enact the proposal into law.

It forces Republicans to finance a policy favored by Democrats, or vice versa.

It is dishonest because it represents only one side of a question, and suppresses legitimate public information.

It is dangerous because it is wire-pulling by a small number of zealots who often work in secret.

In foreign affairs, it gives the American sympathizers, or stool pigeons of foreign governments, power to influence American legislation and appropriations. It escapes cross-examination at a public hearing on equal terms with all others before Congressional committees.

It thus rests public policy on the lopsided views of a few fanatics, rather than on the broad understanding which comes from full, fair public debate on the floor of Congress.

Let me tell you how this new engine of government operates.

I must refer to actual cases but you will understand that I do not, here and now, necessarily condemn the measures themselves. Let us take the Bretton Woods scheme to stabilize international money systems, and support the economy of foreign governments. This was an important policy costing billions of dollars.

How was it sold to the American people and to Congress by this super-legislature using public funds to propagandize one viewpoint only?

The Treasury Department distributed 890,000 pieces of literature favoring the Bretton Woods scheme.

How many pieces in opposition? Exactly 210 pieces. This is a ratio of over 4,000 to 1 in favor of Bretton Woods. Every wire was pulled — press, radio, college, lecture hall, even the pulpits in the Churches.

By the time Congress voted on it, the American people had heard one side of the question.

On the Marshall plan, all wires were pulled again. Officials of the State Department made speeches before cotton, tobacco, wheat, corn and dairy farmers, and other organizations telling them how they would benefit financially from these huge appropriations.

### THE LEND-LEASE MONSTROSITY

Important bills are often introduced, and Members of Congress cannot find out what public officials wrote them or what motives, interest, or reasons they had for promoting them.

A notable example was lend-lease in 1941. It was impossible for any Congressman or Senator to find out whose idea it was, although a determined effort was made to disclose the fact.

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do not elect, cannot see, talk to, argue with, or defeat at the next election.

Another device is for some department chief to telephone — at public expense, of course, to governors, mayors, and party bosses back home to put the heat on Congressmen and Senators to force them into line.

One United States Senator has said: "The purpose of this propaganda is to control the legislative branch of the Government. The machine has developed to such proportions that many Members of Congress are afraid to challenge its power. It is growing with lightning speed. Its growth increases its power, and its power means a further increase in its growth."

### OUR FEDERAL "THOUGHT CONTROL"

A few months ago the House of Representatives created a Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda in the Executive Department. Congressman Harness of Indiana, the Chairman of that Committee, says:

"When government propaganda is successful in shaping public opinion to its own predetermined objectives, we have arrived at a system of Federal thought control which closely parallels the mechanics of dictatorship."

Mr. Harness reports that in 1946, the executive agencies spent \$75,000,000 in publicity and propaganda activities. That is 25 times as much as the law permits a national political party to spend in a Presidential campaign. That makes the executive branch of government the most powerful lobby in America.

Forty-five thousand Federal employees devote all, or part of their time, to publicity and propaganda. These busy beavers issue an endless stream of press releases, ghost-written speeches, radio script, motion picture films, pamphlets, and so forth.

When you hear half a dozen radio commentators all giving you the same line, you can guess who is the Svengali who hypnotizes these Trilbys of the air to sing the same tune.

### WAR DEPARTMENT HIRED EXPERT

To promote universal military training the War Department hired a New York expert to tour the Country at taxpayers' expense, and conduct radio panel discussions loaded with advocates of the measure.

This expert asked the radio audiences to write letters to the stations, adding that the letters would be forwarded to the proper people in Congress.

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In addition, military airplanes were to fly hundreds of influential civilians to military reservations, in order to line them up for this policy. They also discovered a submarine in the Pacific Ocean at just the right moment for maximum effect — as if we were the sole owners of that ocean.

The Social Security Administration, Public Health Service and Children's Bureau send their agents all over the Country to beat tomtoms for socialized, or political medicine.

These traveling lobbyists — at your expense, set up so-called health workshops and drum up trade with social-welfare workers, women's clubs, labor unions, and all others susceptible to the service of humanity and the possible hope of jobs for themselves. They have even sent their missionaries, at your expense, on junketing trips to England, New Zealand, South America and Japan.

Much the same story can be told about public housing.

#### BOLD DEFIANCE OF LAW

All this is done in defiance of a law which provides that no money appropriated by Congress shall be used to pay for any letter, printed matter, or other device "intended or designed to influence in any manner a Member of Congress to favor or oppose, by his vote or otherwise, any legislation or appropriation by Congress." The law provides fine and imprisonment for anyone violating it.

And yet, so far as I know, no one has ever been indicted for violating that law.

Such is the super-legislature, the new ministry of propaganda and enlightenment. It is heading America toward an all-powerful Executive, and a one-party State. It may help to explain why Republican and Democratic leaders so often agree on a "bi-partisan" policy which denies to the American people an honest discussion and free and full debate on all great public questions.

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God does not look on the outward appearance, but the heart. It is what men are in heart, that counts. The hearts of both Jew and Gentile before God are deceitful and desperately wicked.

Romans 2:28 emphasizes this fact: "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh."

In other words, the man chosen of God, is the one who is born by the Spirit from above. Any claims of human or racial superiority on the part of Jewish people is simply a matter of inflated ego. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Jews not born of the Spirit are Christ haters, and always will be. In this sense they possess a reprobate mind because they will not retain Christ in their minds. But God also regards Gentiles who will not retain God in their minds as possessing a reprobate mind. The first three chapters of Romans bring out these facts.

Abraham, the recognized earthly father of the Jews, believed this Gospel by faith. God's power moved upon his wicked and deceitful heart, and he was spiritually created a member of the heavenly family. "By faith . . . he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

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# ANALYSIS OF



## Reporting From Washington

LOUIS BUDENZ, testifying on the methods of the conspirators to have their will, told a Congressional committee that those who turn disloyal to the Communist Party are expelled and subjected to a campaign of character assassination.

This weapon, character assassination, has been employed with virility and violence against all opponents of Communism, all defenders of the American way of life.

In fact, the New Dealers, having become familiar with the tactics of their political allies, adopted character assassination as one of their chief weapons for the destruction of their political antagonists, spreading their miserable tales not only through newspaper columnists and radio commentators but by word of mouth, by a malicious whispering campaign which made it impossible for the victim to discover the source of the attack or to defend himself from it.

The technique is based on the assumption that where there is smoke, there must

be fire; but in this enterprise, both the smoke and the fire were synthetically prepared by the evil minds engaged in character assassination . . .

And let me say a word about Herbert Hoover. He was manufactured into the national devil. Hooverism became synonymous with black reaction. The lies heaped upon this kindly man would have broken a lesser spirit.

He was blamed for everything, even the mistakes of the New Deal. His most generous acts were twisted into poisonous purposes. His character was torn to shreds. The dialectics of Communism always requires a devil — and they made one out of Hoover.

The record of character assassination is one of the miseries of the past 16 years of American life.

— George E. Sokolsky.

THE RECORD shows, that without a single exception, Jewish members of the Congress have for years followed the same line as the Communist Party. No matter the issue up for consideration, their speeches always fit the extreme Leftist pattern.

There are a sufficient number of them in the House of Representatives to gang up against other members, when legislative proposals designed to restrain Communism are under consideration. The number includes Cellar, Sabath, Klein, Douglas and four or five others. Working together, they have often been able to block passage of important measures that would have helped steer our Country away from Communism and on a right course.

During the Eightieth Congress, they were able to draw to themselves the support of several Gentile members, who performed like puppets. Observers here at the Capital take a serious view of this trend . . . because of reports being received from many parts of the Nation that B'nai B'rith Jewry is working furiously, to increase their number in the elections this year.

Representative John Rankin is one of a group of Christians in the Congress, who has seen the necessity of dealing with this problem at its source. Their stand against the organized Leftists precipitated several hot debates in the Eightieth Congress. This explains why Mr. Rankin has been so persistently smeared by press and radio.

IT IS the concensus of opinion here, among men of the press, that Drew Pearson has lost much of his usefulness to B'nai B'rith Jewry. He and Winchell were recently described as "twin disgraces to American journalism," at a luncheon of top ranking writers.

Both are spokesmen for the Jewish community of the United States. Both have for years slanted their broadcasts and newspaper articles parallel with the propaganda line of the Communist Party. Both have sung Stalin's praises. Both specialize in smearing opponents of Communism. Both have direct attachments with the red underground.

According to Joseph Kamp, Pearson's closest assistant is a former employee of the Communist *Daily Worker*.

At the very time when Stalin was preparing to take over Czechoslovakia, Winchell published the following gibberish, eulogizing the red dictator:

"Americans who have interviewed Stalin usually are impressed by his keen sensayuma. Joe is a handy man with the rapier retort, and most pen portraits about him emphasize that characteristic."

"When Stalin posed for new pix flanked by Ambassador Averell Harriman and Eric Johnson, Harriman remarked: 'I suppose this is the first time you have

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ever had your picture taken between a Republican and a Democrat.'

"Stalin chuckled and replied: 'Yes, I never thought this would happen. Imagine a Communist bringing the Republicans and Democrats together'."

Winchell's obvious purpose was to deposit the idea in the minds of readers that Republican, Democrat and international Communist parties should be considered on the same level. The article also said:

"Few Americans are aware that some of our biggest industrialists carried on a profitable business with Russia prior to the war. Stalin has always respected American businessmen.

"He once explained: 'I like to do business with American businessmen. They know what they want. Their word is good and, best of all — they stay in office for a long time just like we do over here. But a politician is here today and gone tomorrow'."

The foregoing, being only a few of the thousands of words that Winchell has written and published to advance the cause of Communism, is sufficient to identify him as a Stalin agent.

When the criminals of the Kremlin announced their plans to take over Finland, Winchell egged them on with the following quip:

"Stalin can be gruff. When the Finnish mission came to Moscow and learned Stalin's stiff terms for a peaceful settlement, the Finnish Premier told him: 'If we brought back to Helsinki such terms as these, there would be no crowds in the streets to sing and cheer for us as there were when we left for Moscow.' Stalin turned and grunted: 'Don't worry about that — Molotov and I will come to sing and cheer for you'."

Vishinsky's attack on Winchell a short time later was regarded by insiders as an act staged for a purpose.

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SPY RING exposures have produced a case of jitters over at Drew Pearson's office. The little man on the merry-go-round, is known to have had close connections with some of the men now under suspicion.

It is talked in Washington newspaper circles that Pearson relied upon these inside contacts, for most of his stories used over the air and through the press. The matter takes on a serious aspect when one realizes that the chief aim of those in the background was to Sovietize America.

Pearson now professes to be against Soviet Russia, but he continues to malign opponents of Communism in the usual way. His daggers are still flying at members of the Committee On Un-American Activities without interruption.

Every newspaper man at the Capital knew the spy ring exposure was coming. Fortified with this information, Pearson put investigators to work, trying to get something on Congressman Thomas, chairman of the Committee.

He had his articles written, ready and waiting to start blasting Mr. Thomas, as soon as the first spy ring revelations should reach the public. Events strongly suggest that the real motive behind this personal and abusive attack upon the Chairman, was to hinder the investigation as a whole.

Pearson is currently credited with trying to do his old friends a favor . . . at the same time hoping to weaken the Committee, in anticipation of the spotlight being turned upon his own activities a little later.

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tion for Stalin's armies to continue the westward march.

Meanwhile, from inside Germany, the plea recently made by Protestant Churchmen is being repeated. Rev. Martin Niemoller, head of the Church Council of Hesse and Nassau, denounces the Nuremberg war crimes procedures as a "new, threatening shadow on the public conscience." Five German Bishops joined with him in signing and circulating the pastoral letter among their congregations.

A highly respectable editorial on the subject appearing in the *Chicago Tribune*, has been called to the attention of both the House and Senate judiciary committees. After discussing Justice Robert Jackson, his mission to Nuremberg and denazification courts in general, it concludes with these words:

"The specifications brought by German Churchmen against the Nuremberg disgrace stand unchallenged and unfuted. Defendants have been bullied and threatened into giving evidence against themselves. Their counsel are hampered. Only the damaging parts of selected documentary evidence are allowed into the record.

"It has now been demonstrated in another Nuremberg trial that the army faked a movie sequence, and used it to help procure the conviction of major war crimes defendants, in the original Nuremberg trial. The sequence implied that gold teeth, wedding rings and crucifixes stripped from concentration camp victims, were held as state assets in the coffers of the Reichsbank. The United States army put them there, then used its film to imprison the bank president for life.

"The bishops and Pastor Niemoller cannot be contested when they say further that the charter authorizing creation of an international war crimes tribunal with law and procedures of its own, has no warrant or title of authority, save the fiat of Justice Jackson and his co-authors."

**T**HREE ARE still plenty of New Dealers in Washington . . . and no informed person will deny that they are resourceful. Roosevelt was their demigod. There is a concerted plan among them to discredit Dr. Charles A. Beard, the noted historian, for having written his new book, "President Roosevelt and the Coming of the War, 1941. A Study of Appearances and Realities."

Dr. Beard traces the course of American affairs from the campaign speeches of

Roosevelt and Willkie in 1940, through the lend-lease bill, Atlantic Conference of August 1941, and the attack on Pearl Harbor. He charges that Roosevelt "maneuvered" the Japanese into firing the first shot.

Equally disturbing to New Dealers are the confessions of Harry Hopkins, edited and published by Robert Sherwood. They are saying that the matter should have been held in abeyance until after the 1948 election.

Sherwood, a Roosevelt intimate, admits that as early as September 1938, "The President was sure that we were going to get into war."

According to this source, Roosevelt began making arrangements during 1940 for the involvement of the United States, in what he knew would be an unprecedented struggle. He and his White House associates mapped the master plan but decided to keep it secret.

But first of all, he had to be re-elected. Therefore, Sherwood says, that Roosevelt found it necessary to lie to the people by making his unequivocal campaign pledge at Boston, on October 30, 1940: "And while I am talking to you mothers and fathers, I give you one more assurance. I have said this before, but I shall say it again and again and again — Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars."

When his advisers pointed out that the Democratic platform contained the reservation, "except in case of attack," Roosevelt replied that he "could see no need to tack that on now."

Later this "sweeping reassurance" at Boston seemed to Sherwood to be a "mistake," but, "unfortunately for my own conscience, I happened at the time to be one of those who urged him to go the limit on this, feeling as I did that the risk of future embarrassment was negligible as compared with the risk of losing the election."

The cause of the world's plight can be traced largely to the absence of morals, and the lack of principle, in White House circles during the New Deal administration. Had Roosevelt been a man of character, capable of holding up a standard

of truth and righteousness, the history of the last decade could be written in different language.

**S**ENATOR Arthur Vandenberg is a disappointed man. All of his more important plans have resulted in failure. He has worn a glum expression on his face since the Republican national convention. Close friends and associates credit him with having made three major blunders. He is obviously brooding over the turn of events.

Washington officials unanimously respect the Senator's sincerity. But the same cannot be said for his judgment. Emotion and a flare for the dramatic, frequently cause him to take on the color of his environment.

Although assumed attitudes on his part have sometimes indicated otherwise, he has always wanted to be President of the United States. Opposition to Roosevelt in the middle thirties lifted him to the level of Presidential prospects. He became spokesman for the forces which were then fighting New Deal internationalism. He could have had the Republican nomination either in 1936 or 1940, but believing Roosevelt to be invulnerable, rejected the opportunity.

Many have wondered why Mr. Vandenberg later reversed himself on international issues, and became an exponent of the very doctrines he had so vigorously opposed. Looking back, he must now realize that this change cost him his popularity with the masses of people.

Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, former Congresswoman and wife of Henry Luce, of the Time-Life-Fortune publishing axis, takes credit for the Senator's conversion to internationalism. She says the change occurred during a series of dinners in the winter of 1944-45.

If so, it may be said in defense of Mr. Vandenberg that he is not the first casualty to Washington social life.

The Luces used their magazines to effect a tremendous build-up for the Senator prior to the Philadelphia convention. According to the plan, he was not to announce his candidacy, being too much occupied with world affairs in the Senate. The nomination was to be forced upon him!

Mrs. Luce tried to stampede the convention by references to him, during the course of her speech, but the effort collapsed. It is reported, but not confirmed by Mr. Vandenberg, that had he been nominated and elected, Luce would have been appointed Secretary of State.

Moral for Senators and Representatives: Beware of Washington social life.

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I shall quote a few sentences from the Code of Hammurabi. They will in all probability take you back to the days of the New Deal in your thinking:

"Hammurabi the perfect king am I. I brought wealth to the land. I made the populace to rest in security. I permitted no one to molest them. The great gods proclaim me; and I am the guardian governor, whose scepter is righteousness and whose beneficent protection is spread over my city. In my bosom I carried the people of the land of Akkad.

"Babylon, the city whose foundations are firm as heaven and earth for the pronouncing of judgment in the land, for the rendering of decisions for the land, and for the righting of wrong, my weighty words I have written upon my monument and in the presence of my image as king of righteousness have I established.

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The theory of his government was to concentrate unlimited authority in the hands of the ruling classes. It was an authoritarian state. The Code of Hammurabi enforced price controls to the limit. It fixed prices. It regulated wages.

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History attests that Hammurabi's system of planned economy proved a failure. The regulations were too severe. They stifled the creative impulses of the people. This produced a popular revolt. Some parts of the Code commanded themselves to subsequent generations, but wherever its controls have been applied, disaster has resulted.

### EGYPT

Turning again to the book of Genesis, we find there was a time when the Egyptian government inaugurated a system of regimentation. The plan was put into operation during a period of national emergency. Joseph became grand vizier of the kingdom. He placed all Egypt under Pharaoh, including money, cattle, land and finally the people themselves.

The Egyptians were required to put one-fifth of everything they produced from the soil, into government granaries. When the famine came, the people were given the privilege of buying some of their grain. As their financial reserves became exhausted, they traded cattle for food. They later gave up their land. Finally they turned themselves, body and soul, over to the government. This occurred about 1700 years before Christ.

Josephus says: "So ignorant were the Egyptians" that they did not make "the least provisions for themselves."

He continues: "Joseph sold them corn for their money. But when their money failed them, they bought corn with their cattle and their slaves; and if any of them had a small piece of land, they gave up that to purchase them food, by which means the king became owner of all their

substance; and they were removed, some to one place, and some to another, so that the possession of their country might be firmly assured to the king."

Later when the people were allowed to return to their homes, a twenty percent withholding tax was imposed by the government. Josephus says: "Now this law, that they should pay the fifth part of their fruits as tribute, continued until their later kings."

Regimentation worked out badly for the Egyptians. People always suffer when forced, even by a national emergency, to rely upon their government for existence.

### HITTITES

Much is said in the Old Testament about the Hittites. Hieroglyphic inscriptions on blocks of stone and tablets confirm the Scripture text in great detail. The nation seems to have reached maturity in the latter part of the fourteenth century, B. C. A legal Code was adopted at that time embracing approximately 200 sections.

It insinuated the powers of the ruling monarch into every phase of the citizen's personal life. Eleven of the provisions were devoted to price ceilings.

Section 151 fixed the rental of a plow ox at one shekel per month. Another section stated: "If a man goes and offers himself for wages and undertakes the management of a cart, is lodged in a straw barn, and irrigates a cultivated field, his wages for two months are 30 pas (pecks) of barley."

Section 176 provides: "If anyone hires an artisan, either a potter, a smith, a carpenter, a shoemaker, a tailor, a

weaver, or a maker of lace, he shall pay 10 shekels of silver."

Hittite civilization was finally absorbed by Assyria, because of the weakness of its economic system.

### CHINA, GREECE, ROME

Ancient China also suffered from controls imposed upon the people by leaders who seemingly lacked understanding of the law of supply and demand. Dr. Chen Huan-Chang explains in his book, "The Economic Principles of Confucius and His School," that Confucian theories provided for price levels which were often harmful to the people.

He says: "The failure was the result not of the original law itself, but of the administration of man. The chief difficulty in administering it is, that it is not easy for officials to undertake commercial functions along with political duties."

In like manner, Greece never succeeded in attaining the freedom and stability that might have been realized through her city states, because the people were weakened by economic dictation. Athenian lawmakers created price ceilings and enforced capital punishment for violations. Controls were found to be wholly unworkable.

Another tragic example of destruction through regimentation is noted in the experience of the Roman Empire under the reign of Diocletian. This Emperor issued what is known to historians as the "Tariff of Prices." His edict, published and circulated in 301 A. D., reads like a chapter from the new deal.

Like our twentieth century destroyers of human liberty, Diocletian professed to be animated by high and noble motives. Similar propaganda has been carried on in the United States. Many have been led to believe that only the exponents of collectivism possess virtue.

Diocletian's edict began with this appeal: "Who has so hard a heart, or is so bereft of human sympathies that he can be unaware, nay, that he has not seen with his own eyes, that in the sale of wares exchanged in the market place or handled in the daily trade of cities, extravagance in prices has gone so far that the unbridled lust for plunder is held in check neither by abundance of supplies nor by fruitful seasons."

The emperor was evidently trying to place the shackles upon his subjects with as little pain as possible. His system of price controls was officially inaugurated by the following decree:

"It is our will, therefore, that the prices of commodities designated in the enclosed schedule be brought to the attention of the whole Empire so that every-

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one may know that they are not at liberty to exceed them."

Diocletian listed between seven and eight hundred items, including practically everything his subjects would want to buy. He fixed the price of every item. He also determined the exact wages that Roman citizens should receive.

Lactantius wrote in A. D. 314 that "after many oppressions" there came "a general dearth upon the empire."

#### A LESSON TO BE LEARNED

No government has ever been wise enough to fix price controls properly, regulate religion and take away the per-

sonal liberties of a people. Our Country is strong because our people are free.

We have been able so far to resist left-wing pressure that would substitute planned economy for free enterprise. But we must always remember that, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Paul Porter, former head of the OPA, said these words, on May 10, 1946, while testifying before a Senate Committee:

"I would say that we (OPA) are in the business of keeping the law of supply and demand from working. There can be no question about that."

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I submit, friends of the listening audience, that this is definitely the philosophy of government that the American people do *not* want!

May God give us intelligence to learn lessons from past civilizations that have gone down because they permitted rulers to regulate the personal lives of the people, through systems of control at the top.

Thomas Jefferson reduced the whole American philosophy of government to a few words when he said: "The government governs best that governs least."

# Atheism And The Radio

## Representative Charles J. Kersten . . . Of Wisconsin

*"Atheism is foreign to our basic philosophy of government."*

ATHEISTS have no more standing to ask for equal time with religious programs over the air, than violators of the moral law would have the right to expound immoral ideas on an equal basis with time granted to those who defend the moral law.

The general rule of the Federal Communications Commission, that equity should be observed by radio stations in granting equal opportunity to opponents on different sides of a controversial public question, is a good one. However, there may be difficulty at times in determining what is a controversial public question.

Recently the Federal Communications Commission exhibited a strange attitude when it refused to grant Station WHAM at Rochester, New York, an application for a 3-year renewal and gave it only a temporary renewal until September 1st,

pending further study. The reason apparently was because WHAM refused to lend its facilities to an atheist program that sought radio time, after a religious program in which an acknowledgement of the existence of God was shown to be fundamental to our form of government. Federal Communications Commission is wondering whether WHAM did not violate its regulation in failing to give the atheist program equal time with the religious program.

If Federal Communications Commission gives way to the proponents of the atheist side of this controversy it will be falling into a dangerous sophistry that seems to be increasing these days.

The difference between the case of the atheists and that of the radio station in this matter, is much like the difference between the Soviet Constitution and the Constitution of the United States on the

subject of freedom of religion. Article 124 of the Constitution of the U. S. S. R. reads, in part, as follows:

"Freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognized for all citizens."

The first amendment of the Constitution of the United States reads, in part, as follows:

"Congress shall make no laws respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The Soviet Constitution puts religion and atheism on an equal basis. The American Constitution makes no reference to atheism whatsoever. Atheism is foreign to our basic philosophy of government. There is no controversial public question in our philosophy of government as between religion and atheism.

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The framers of our form of government assumed the existence of God and frequently referred to Him. The question of the existence of God was beyond controversy in the minds of the founders of our government.

If it be argued that the phrase in our Constitution, "the free exercise thereof," includes the guaranty of the freedom to

teach atheism, such a conclusion is not warranted.

The Constitution guarantees the free exercise of religion. Religion is the relationship between man and God. Atheism denies the existence of God, and, therefore, any such relationship. Hence atheism is not a religion at all. It may well be that individuals have a legal right under freedom of speech to advocate atheism all they wish. But this does not make atheism a "controversial" public

question. The great body of men from the beginning of history, down to the present time have put the question of the existence of God beyond controversy. Men have similarly put beyond controversy the question of the wrongness of deliberate murder.

No one will contend that the radio stations would have to give to "Murder, Inc." the same radio time as they gave to the police department in its efforts to protect human lives.

# Coddling The Communists

United States Senator Alexander Wiley . . . Of Wisconsin

**"These facts once again underline the importance of legislation to control Communism in our midst."**

THE CURRENT shocking exposure of the key Communists, Red sympathizers and fellow-travelers who have occupied important positions in Government demonstrates the following fact's:

1. The issue of the Administration's coddling of Reds and Red-sympathizers in Government is going to be a crucial issue in the coming political campaign. It has become obvious that the Truman Administration, in spite of its pious protests against Communism, has served as a fertile breeding ground for Reds during the last sixteen years.

It is ridiculous for the Administration to be claiming that it is "standing up" to the Reds in Berlin at the same time abundant proof is available that this same Administration has been making things easy for Soviet agents in our own Country to gather key information and to exercise policy functions, etc.

2. The exposure of the Communist menace in Government should not be used

to take away our attention from other significant issues facing the Nation, notably the foreign policy crisis and the issue of inflation.

On the other hand, it is obvious that the Administration and its apologists are trying to ridicule the present investigation of the Communist menace and to attempt to smear it as a "circus," as "unnecessary," as "repetitious," or to otherwise poison the minds of the American public against those who are conscientiously trying to ferret out Red agents.

The Administration hopes that it can throw up a smoke screen against this Red investigation. It hopes that by constantly emphasizing high prices (without using any of its powers to control high prices) it can draw the public's attention away from the issue of Communism. This anti-Red investigation should not be used as a smoke screen; neither should smoke screens be used against it.

3. There are indications that the FBI has been constantly hamstrung in its efforts to expose key Reds in Government, or at the very minimum to have them removed from Government positions.

I am sure that had the counsel of J. Edgar Hoover and his organization been respected and followed, these Soviet agents, now exposed, would long ago have been ejected from the Federal pay roll.

4. Once again it has been demonstrated that Communism is not just an idle tea-time political philosophy, not something that can be laughed off as the futile activity of a few long-haired radicals.

Communism is a world-wide conspiracy, a fanatic irreligious and antireligious crusade, an international espionage movement, which will utilize every last device and tactic in its Devil's arsenal in order to gain its objectives. These facts once again underline the importance of legislation to control Communism in our midst—legislation similar to the Mundt-Nixon

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bill, which has now been revised in the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which I am chairman.

#### MUNDT-NIXON BILL

It is further obvious that unless a strongly Republican Senate and House are voted into power in November, an adequate anti-Communist bill may not be enacted by the Congress. Therefore, it is essential that a strongly Republican Senate and House be elected in order that the Eighty-first Congress may take decisive action on this anti-Communist legislation.

It is notable that the present Administration's Department of Justice took away three precious weeks in delaying its report on the Mundt-Nixon bill after such report had been requested by the Senate Judiciary Committee. This report on constitutionality was promised by the Department day after day, week after week, and arrived only in the closing days of the Senate session. Thus, the bill was in effect partially sabotaged by the very

Administration which claims it is anti-Communist in its foreign policy.

#### CONFIRMING ALL ANTI-RED EVIDENCE

It is important that all of the evidence which has been presented before the Congressional committees on the Red network be fully corroborated wherever possible. In the past, the Communists have been successful in smearing these anti-Red investigations because, in part, some evidence in these probes has not been fully confirmed.

Therefore, it is essential for the sake of justice and for the sake of the effectiveness of this anti-Red campaign, that the fullest care be taken to substantiate all of the charges which have been leveled at individuals and organizations.

There is common talk that the special session was called by the Administration as a smoke screen against this exposure of Communists which it knew was in the offing. Such smoke screening must be vigorously smashed.

streets. It is said that in order to expiate their former guilt, they fasted to such an extent as to beggar the butchers. Lest the old temptations should return, paintings, statuary, profane books, tapestries and other objects deemed unclean were burned.

Savonarola proclaimed himself the prophet of God and hurled anathemas against Florence, the great sinner: "Florence, what hast thou done? Wilt thou that I tell thee? Thine iniquity is full; prepare thyself for a great scourge."

His invectives were terrible. It is not surprising that he made so many enemies. He made burning appeals to popular justice to put an end to the wicked, that offended God and oppressed the masses — the blasphemers, the gamblers, the lawyers who extorted from widows and orphans, the usurpers, the merchants who cheated the poor in weight and in quality.

He urged the people to deliver the guilty to secular justice. Sometimes his sermons produced great emotion as he increased in animation.

Savonarola cleaned up the city but his enemies at last visited on the head of this fiery monk, the vengeance he had so often invoked on them.

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—Thomas Jefferson.

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— Abraham Lincoln.

I expect to pass through this life but once. If there is any kindness or any good thing I can do my fellowbeings, let me do it now. I shall not pass this way again.

— William Penn.

God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.

— Daniel Webster.

It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

— Chinese Proverb.

A careless word may kindle strife,  
A cruel word may wreck a life.  
A bitter word may hate instill,  
A brutal word may smite and kill.  
A gracious word may smooth the way,  
A joyous word may light the day.

Faith is dead to doubts, dumb to discouragements, blind to impossibilities, knows nothing but success!

It is more blessed to be deceived in some things than to be suspicious in all things.

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A switch in time saves crime.

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You cannot depend on your judgment when your imagination is out of focus.

Some minds are like concrete . . . all mixed up and permanently set.

A Christian is a living testimony to the indwelling Word.

— Frank A. Butschke.

# Answering The "Red Dean" Of Canterbury

**"The Bolsheviks are fortunate to have an English Churchman shout for them."**

THE STATE DEPARTMENT was justified in denying Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, entrance to the United States last month.

He admitted in a statement to the Communist *Daily Worker* of London, that his "leftist connections" were responsible for the action. Then he engaged in some gratuitous remarks about Henry Wallace becoming President of the United States. In this, he adopted the attitude of Molotov who recently referred to Wallace as the "voice of the American people."

The well-known Churchman is a dangerous paradox. He derives support from the Church of England, but works in close association with leaders of the international Communist Party. The mental processes of the man are such that he can detect no discord between the atheism of Communism and the doctrines of Christianity. To him, "Communism is Christianity in practice."

On the occasion of a previous visit to the United States, Franklin Roosevelt received him at the White House. They were photographed together, to the chagrin of Christians who knew the Dean's record. Other pictures taken while in our midst showed him, garbed in the clerical garments of a high Churchman, with a cigarette firmly clutched between his lips.

The Dean told Communist newspapermen that he expects to return to America when "Henry Wallace becomes President." His trip was to have been sponsored by the Leftist American-Soviet Friendship — an organization listed as subversive by the Department of Justice.

He said: "There is nothing subversive about the organization, nothing un-American. Its aim is solely to promote friendship with Russia . . . Apparently they don't want friendship with Russia . . . I can delay the trip until Henry Wallace

becomes President, as I think he is sure to be, within three years."

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CONSIDERING the official attitude of the Soviet Government toward Christianity, it is difficult to understand how liberal Churchmen can come to its support. Perhaps the hardest blow yet administered to the Cause of Christ by the Dean of Canterbury, was the writing and publishing of his widely circulated book, "The Soviet Power."

Earl Browder says that the Communist Party has sold and distributed two million copies in the United States. He expresses pleasure that "a high dignitary of the Church of England, is one of the writers most successful in breaking down the wall of prejudice and misinformation, that separates our country from the Soviet Union."

The book, of course, employs the usual *lie method*, which characterizes all Communist literature. It begins with the false premise that the men responsible for the international red conspiracy, are animated by sincere motives. A more subtle, clever piece of Communist propaganda has not issued from Soviet printing presses since the days of Lenin.

Fortunately, the Dean's challenge was

accepted a short time ago by Dr. Ray B. White, President of Bellevue College in the State of New Jersey.

Dr. White exposes red theology, red preachers, red propaganda and red organizations operating inside the Churches of the United States. The title of his book is, "The False Christ of Communism." The following statement appears on the front cover: "An Answer to the Dean of Canterbury Who Says Communism is Christianity in Practice."

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ON THE negative side of his discussion, Dr. White exposes the forces that have penetrated the Church, for the purpose of undermining the principles of Christian morality. On the positive side, he exalts Christ and makes recommendations that will appeal to the intelligence of every true Christian reader.

He indicts the English Churchman for supporting a system that restricts divine worship. No stretch of the imagination is required to visualize what would happen to the Dean, should he go to Russia for the purpose of conducting religious services.

Dr. White quotes Stalin as having said: "The Party cannot be neutral toward religion, and does conduct anti-re-

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ligious propaganda against all and every religious prejudice. The Party cannot be neutral toward the bearers of religious prejudices, toward the reactionary clergy who poison the minds of the toiling masses. Have we suppressed the reactionary clergy? Yes, we have."

Concerning the remnant of Russian Churches that remain open under torturous and isolated circumstances, Dr. White says:

"The pastor cannot preach outside his own building, neither can members attend any other Church, nor can any but members attend. The Church is not permitted to disburse a poor fund, to render any social service or to minister to any in need, lest by the influence of such, the benefited should be moved to become religious. Periodically the pastor is called for interrogation, and returns a nervous wreck."

Pamphlet 15, published by the Communist Party of the United States is quoted as follows: "The Soviet Union, under the workers' and peasants' government, is the only country in the world where religion and the churches are being combatted with the active cooperation of the government."

And yet, the Dean insists in his book, that "Communism in its positive aspect is no fundamental enemy of religion, least of all the Christian religion." He further insists that it "provides those very things that we Christians have often professed with our lips but denied in our lives."

Dr. White says: "The Bolsheviks are fortunate to have an English churchman shout for them."

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**O**N ONE occasion the infidel Ingersoll was to lecture on "The Foundations of the Christian Faith."

There was living in the same city a former schoolmate who had started upon the legal profession with great promise, married a lovely woman, and was the father of two children. Drink had dragged him down so low that it ruined his home, broke the heart of his wife, and sent his children out into the street.

Found one night lying drunk in an alley, he was taken to a home, washed, fed and put to bed by a Christian worker who besought him to change his course. God's grace transformed him into a sober Christian. He rebuilt his shattered home, brought back his children from the streets, restored the roses to his wife's cheeks, and attained again to respectability in his calling. Reading in the newspapers the notice of Ingersoll's lecture, he wrote him the following letter:

My dear old Friend:

I see that tonight you are to deliver a lecture against Christianity and the Bible. Perhaps you know some of my history since we parted. I disgraced my home and family, lost my character and all that a man can hold dear in this world.

You may know that I went down and down until I was a poor despis-

ed outcast, and when I thought there was none to help me and none to save, there came one in the Name of Jesus who told me of His power to help, of His loving kindness and tender sympathy, and through the story of the Cross of Christ I turned to Him.

I brought my wife back to my home and gathered my children together again, and we are happy now, and I am doing what good I can.

And now, old friend, would you stand tonight before the people of Pittsburgh, and tell them what you have to say against the religion that will come down to the lowest depths of hell and find me, and help me up and make my life happy, and clothe my children and give me back my home and friends—will you tell them what you have to say against a religion like that?

Mr. Ingersoll read the letter before his audience, and he said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I have nothing to say against a religion that will do this for a man. I am here to talk about a religion that is being preached by preachers. You can find fault with the Church, but there stands One supreme, and no man has ever dared to point his finger at the character of Christ and find fault with Him."

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Lesson Number 1

September 19, 1948

### THE TOWN CLERK AT EPHESUS

Acts 19:23-41

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice." Proverbs 21:3.

(1) The Key word of the Lesson is "Confusion."

THE SPOTLIGHT of today's lesson falls upon an obscure Bible character, known only in Scripture as the "town-clerk" at Ephesus.

The translation "townclerk" is somewhat misleading, because he was not a minor official in city government. He was the chief officer of the community, directly responsible to the Romans. He alone had authority to convoke the assembly of the people—nominal ruling body of the little republic. Dr. Moffat calls him the "secretary of state."

The episode related in this lesson, illustrates the providential care of God, manifested through a wholly unexpected avenue. A man, in no way qualified by background or experience, stepped forward to help the persecuted preachers.

Ephesus was a magnificent city and capital of the Roman province called Asia. The gorgeous temple of Diana, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, stood at the head of the harbor. Built of white marble, jasper and cedar, it was as long as St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and twice as wide. One hundred jasper columns supported the great roof of cedar.

Masterpieces of art, carvings and priceless tapestries adorned the temple. An altar was located near one end. Behind it, in a dark shrine, stood the image of Diana—a female divinity. Ephesians believed this idol fell from Jupiter.

The theater, in which the mob assembled, capable of accommodating over 30,000 persons, was the largest ever built by the Greeks.

There was a Jewish community in

Ephesus. Although tolerated by law and feared for their wealth, the Jews enjoyed little public favor. On this occasion, some of their leaders saw an opportunity to make it plain that the synagogue was one thing and the Church another. They disclaimed any connection with the obnoxious Paul, who was converting many members of the synagogue to Christianity. Thrusting forth Alexander, they tried to gain a hearing, hoping to enlist the Gentiles in opposition to Christianity.

The sight of a Jew, daring to address the Ephesians in their own theater when the city was gripped by a religious frenzy, provided the stimulus required to set off an explosion. The crowd shouted for nearly two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians."

Verse 32 offers a study in mob psychology. Some cried one thing, others something else. Confusion reigned supreme. During the early centuries, superstitious, uneducated, frivolous city mobs were frequently whipped into frenzied antagonism against followers of the Christ.

### (2) The Key Verse is Acts 19:27.

Diana worship, a hideous pagan system, stemmed from the Nimrod and Semiramis priesthood of the Babel builders. The idol in the temple was the likeness of a woman, wearing a crown carved in the shape of a tower.

In Dr. Alexander Hislop's book, "The Two Babylons," we read: "The first city in the world, after the flood, that had towers and encompassing walls was Babylon. Ovid tells us that it was Semiramis, the first queen of that city, who was believed to have surrounded Babylon with a wall of brick."

"Semiramis, then, the first deified queen of that city, and tower whose top was intended to reach to heaven, must have been the prototype of the goddess who 'first made towers in cities.' When we look at the Ephesian Diana, we find evi-

dence to the very same effect."

There was confusion of tongues at the Tower of Babel. There was confusion at Ephesus, where pagan worship originating in the days of the Babel builders, was practiced.

The Key Verse of today's lesson (Acts 19:27) contains a confession on the part of Diana worshippers that Christianity has power over paganism. The struggle at Ephesus was between systems, rather than men. The Gospel of Jesus Christ always triumphs over false religions where its claims are faithfully presented.

(3) The Key Fact is that God exercises Providential Care for those who serve Him.

Paul's companions, Gaius and Aristarchus, were in an exceedingly dangerous situation. Unquestionably, the mob meant to do them harm. The townclerk was acting in the interests of pagan worship when silencing the crowd, but he performed a great service to Christianity. The deaths of Gaius and Aristarchus might have set off a wave of persecution in Ephesus, that would have swept Paul also into martyrdom.

The hand of God, moving on behalf of the street preachers, is clearly evidenced in the behavior of the townclerk. God often "works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform."

## Lesson Number 2

September 26, 1948

### MAKING GOOD FAMILY TRADITIONS

Acts 16:1-5; II Tim 1:3-6;  
3:14-15

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

(1) The Key word of the Lesson is "Faith."

TIMOTHY was a most fortunate person. He was born and reared in a deeply religious environment. All that he accomplished in adult life may be attributed to this heritage. His mother, Eu-nice, was a Christian Jewess. His father

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was a Greek. His grandmother, Lois, was a woman of deep piety.

The picture of Timothy's early life, as drawn by the apostle Paul, is one of righteous home influences, where he was piously instructed in the Scriptures. He came from a spiritual family, whose members accepted the Gospel in the early years of the Church.

Lois, Eunice and Timothy's father (whose name is not recorded), represent the vast multitude of everyday Christians, who keep the foundations of the Church and Christian civilization intact. Such people are not forgotten. Their works are recorded in God's "book of remembrance."

Henry Clay was once forced to stay overnight at a log cabin in his native Kentucky. Although the father had habitually exercised his paternal priesthood both morning and evening, the presence of the distinguished orator disturbed him. At last, when the sleepy children were becoming restless and Clay had refused an invitation to retire, the Kentuckian, urged on by his wife's pointed gestures, acknowledged that it was his custom to conduct family prayer and that Clay could either join or go to his quarters. The statesman replied that he would prefer to participate, unless this was regarded as intrusive.

After the father had finished with much embarrassment the Scripture reading and prayer, Clay sympathetically told him: "My dear sir, never again feel the least hesitation in the discharge of your duty to God on account of the presence of man. I saw your embarrassment and remained on purpose that you might never feel it again.

"Remember that every man of sense will respect the individual who is not ashamed to acknowledge his dependence upon his Maker; and he deserves only contempt who can cherish any other feelings than reverence for 'the consecrated hour of man in audience with the Deity.' I would rather know that the prayers of a pious man, no matter how humble his position in life, were ascending in my behalf than to have the wildest applause of listening Senators."

### (2) The Key Verse is II Timothy 3:15.

"From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Our lesson for today exalts the advantage of a Christian background, but does

not say that this is sufficient to guarantee man's salvation. The "unfeigned faith" of II Timothy 1:5 is not something into which one grows or attains by education and culture.

Nor does the statement that "the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation" imply that the Bible knowledge alone will save a soul. Thomas Payne and Robert Ingersoll were well versed in Scripture. The passage merely means that the Word is a powerful instrument for getting people saved. Its message that salvation comes through Jesus Christ alone must be translated into personal experience.

**(3) The Key Fact is that the importance of Christian Family life cannot be overestimated.**

The patient daily training of Timothy by Lois and Eunice bore fruit for eternity. Timothy was a great inspiration and source of encouragement to Paul, whose prodigious labors for the Gospel are still felt around the world. If possible to trace backward the intricate workings of cause and effect, we would find that each of us owes something to this obscure family whose loyalty came to mean so much in the spreading of the Gospel.

### Lesson Number 3

October 3, 1948

**THE INSPIRED LIBRARY**  
Psalms 119:97-105; John 20:30-31; II Timothy 3:16-17

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "The word of our God shall stand forever." Isaiah 40: 8.

**(1) The Key word of the Lesson is "Words."**

THE TRUTHS of God's Word cannot be assimilated by the casual "15 minutes per day" reader. They must be studied persistently and prayerfully. They have eternal implications and by lingering over the written record we will be well repaid.

The 119th Psalm, in which we find the greater part of today's lesson, is a work of literary genius. There are nine other poems in the Book of Psalms that resemble its construction. They are called the Acrostic, or Alphabetical Psalms, because each succeeding half verse, verse or group of verses, begins with the successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

In structure this Psalm is a marvel. The Hebrew alphabet has 22 letters. The Psalm consists of 22 sections, each marked by a letter from the Hebrew alphabet, in regular order from Aleph to Tau. And each section has eight verses, so that there is an eightfold Aleph, an eightfold Beth, an eightfold Gimel, continuing down to the last letter, Tau.

Exactly ten synonyms for the Law are used, as follows: Word, Saying, Way, Testimonies, Judgments, Precepts, Commandment, Law, Statutes, and Faithfulness. Tradition sees in these ten words an allusion to the decalogue, the ten commandments.

The writer of this Psalm is unknown. Frank Delitzsch says: "The poet is a young man, who finds himself in a situation which is clearly described. He is derided, oppressed, persecuted, and that by those who despise the divine Word. He is lying in bonds, expecting death, and recognizes in his affliction God's salutary humbling, and in the midst of it, God's Word is his comfort and wisdom. He also yearns for help and earnestly prays for it. The whole Psalm is a prayer for stedfastness in the midst of an ungodly, degenerate race, and in the midst of great trouble."

**(2) The Key Verse of the lesson is II Timothy 3:16.**

The word "inspiration" appears twice

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in the Bible. Both passages refer to the action of the Spirit of God upon the spirit of man.

Job 32:8, "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." II Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

The Bible is the only book ever written under divine inspiration. This fact makes it unlike all other literature penned by mortal man. The men who wrote the Scriptures were overshadowed by a power higher than themselves. They were recipients of a supernatural inflow. A special message was breathed into the consciousness of each writer.

It is significant that enlightened people should have regarded the Bible as being inspired throughout the ages. Men and women of exceptional attainments have accepted the fact of its supernatural origin without question. No other book has endured the wear and tear of centuries.

The Scriptures are so unlike other writings, their creative power so far-reaching and the message so helpful that men find them to be indispensable. They reveal the plan of salvation. They search the hearts of those who read. They unfold the future. They contain the words of the blessed Saviour.

### (3) The Key Fact is that all Scripture points to Christ.

The person of Jesus Christ is the Theme of the Bible. It is possible to look upon this library of 66 inspired books as a work of literary artistry containing fascinating history, poetry and striking drama—all of which it is . . . but we do not truly understand the Book until we see in its pages the face of Jesus Christ.

This fact is beautifully stated in our lesson: "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:31.

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### Lesson Number 4

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### BIOGRAPHY IN THE BIBLE

Genesis 11:31 to 12:5; 17:1-3

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6.

(1) The Key word of the Lesson is "Walk".

IF PEOPLE treated other books like they treat the Bible, there would not be an interesting book in the world.

It would seem strange, indeed, for a person to open a popular book at random . . . read a little here and a little there and then say: "This book is not interesting." You would at once say that it was not being given a fair trial. And yet, people treat the Word of God that way!

When one understands that the Bible is written logically, directed by the Holy Spirit and submitted to the human race for a purpose, it becomes interesting above and beyond all other literature.

Even as a literary composition, the sacred Scriptures comprise a unique book, unlike all others. The writings are the most ancient known to man. The events described are of deepest interest. The teachings presented are responsible for the advance of civilization.

The Bible contains some of the most colorful and interesting stories of great lives ever written. Scriptural biography is a form of literature, unexcelled in spiritual teaching value, because it enables the reader to profit from the experiences of those who walked with God.

Unlike secular biographies, the Scriptures do not slant the truth to hide the faults and failings of its heroes. Students of ancient languages say that it is rare to find an unfavorable account of the lives of ancient rulers and kings. The truth is glossed over so that posterity may see them only as good and powerful monarchs. But the writers of Scripture recount the bad with the good, in such an objective manner as to confirm the fact of inspiration.

The candor of the Bible in recording unpleasant things likewise commands respect. It deals realistically with its characters and gives unvarnished accounts, although the truth is sometimes painful. If the record was fictitious, the ugly chapters would have been revised or omitted. Both the good and bad traits of such men as Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David and Solomon are given. The Bible is thoroughly honest. It can therefore en-

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lighten its readers regarding the wicked condition of the human heart.

"I am Almighty God; walk before me," says the text of our lesson. God is interested in how His children WALK—their daily conduct and behavior. We read in the Word: "I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to WALK in my statutes."

By our words, deeds and decisions, in the little things of life as well as matters of greater importance, we are writing our biography and weaving the fabric of our destiny.

(2) The Key Verse is Genesis 12:1.

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee."

Separation from the world, its pleasures, frivolities, loose standards and indulgences, is absolutely essential for growth in Grace to maturity in Christ. "Friendship of the world is enmity with God," said James. Worldly attachments are fatal to victorious living.

Indeed, Christians must not so isolate themselves from the world, that people are denied the opportunity of seeing Christ in their lives . . . but care must be exercised to avoid compromise. The old expression, "This world is no friend of grace," is trite, but still packed with truth. It needs to be frequently recalled.

(3) The Key Fact is that God nourishes His children.

There is a depth of meaning in the words addressed to Abram, "I am the Almighty God."

The root term for "Almighty God" in the passage is, "El Shaddai." The etymological significance is both interesting and touching:

El signifies the "Strong One." The qualifying word Shad is invariably used to describe a woman's breast. Shaddai means "the breasted." The picture conveyed to Abram was that of a child nursing at the breasts of its mother. God is the Nourisher, the Strength-giver, and so, in a secondary sense, the Satisfier, who pours Himself into the lives of believers consecrated by separation from the world.

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